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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Ali AMARA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
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Application No.: 10/533,924 ) Examiner: Stacy Brown Chen  
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Filed: November 21, 2005 ) Confirmation No.: 4571  
)  
For: DC-SIGN BLOCKERS AND )  
THEIR USES FOR PREVENTING )  
OR TREATING VIRAL )  
INFECTIONS )

**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT  
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2008. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response, which is timely filed.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks** follows the claim amendments.

**Attachments:**

Curtis *et al.*, "Sequence and expression of a membrane-associated C-type lectin that exhibits CD4-independent binding of human immunodeficiency virus envelope glycoprotein gp120," Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 89: 8356-60 (1990); and

Ng and Ilag, "Biomedical Applications of Protein Chips," J. Cell. Mol. Med. 6: 329-40 (2002).